

# *Sacred* **SEASON** 2025



 **Near Church**



# WHAT IS SACRED SEASON?

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At Near Church, we begin each new year by setting aside time to pray and fast together. In doing this, we are consecrating - or devoting - the year to God.

This is a time of spiritual growth for our church community as we pursue God corporately, but it is also a tremendous opportunity to rekindle the flame of your own relationship with God as well. It's our prayer that this season will breathe fresh wind into your life and draw you closer to God than ever before.

This year, our official corporate fast will last from 1/6 - 1/26.

# HOW TO PREPARE

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Begin preparations for your fast by praying. Ask God for wisdom regarding which type of fast you should do. Maybe your fast should include taking time away from social media or limiting screen time in favor of reading your Bible. Whatever it is, your fast is between you and God, so take the time to seek Him. If you have any specific needs or prayer points you'd like to remember, write them down. This is a time to focus on the areas of your life that God is speaking to you about.

Fasting not only affects your physical body, but it also impacts your mental health. You'll find your mood and outlook will improve as you spend more time in prayer and meditation in the Bible. Go ahead and begin to wrap your mind around the idea of a fast and what that will look like in the context of your life. What time of day will you set aside to pray? How could your routine change to accommodate time for spiritual growth? Planning ahead will help to alleviate stress. After all - fasting is a privilege, not a chore!

As you decide on which type of fast is best for you, consider any physical limitations you might have. Go to the grocery store ahead of time and choose items that fit into your fast's parameters, so you aren't having to wander through later when you're hungry. Stay hydrating by drinking plenty of water and continue any medications you're on. Finally, try to remember that the spiritual benefit is greater than the physical sacrifice.

# OCCUPY 2025

**Our vision for the year of 2025 is Occupy. As citizens of Heaven, we are called to operate as representatives of God's Kingdom here in the earth. We're believing that this will be a year of spiritual acceleration that propels us to a new level - both for the ministry of Near Church and for you personally.**

**Throughout Sacred Season and this year, we'll be focusing on three prayers that we believe will reach the heart of God and make a difference in our lives, in our church, and in Bowling Green.**

**Fill me. Fill the house. Fill the city.**

# WEEK ONE



# FILL ME

# JAN 6-12

## DAY ONE

Pray for a renewed hunger for God's word

## DAY TWO

Pray for love and a sound mind to cast out all fear

## DAY THREE

Pray for your physical health

## DAY FOUR

Pray for your mental health

## DAY FIVE

Pray for your relationships

## DAY SIX

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life

## DAY SEVEN

Pray that you would bear the fruit of the Spirit

# WEEK TWO



# FILL THE HOUSE

# JAN 13-19

## DAY EIGHT

Pray for your  
pastors &  
church leadership

## DAY NINE

Pray for  
God to show you  
the vision for His house

## DAY TEN

Pray for a  
fresh burden  
for the lost

## DAY ELEVEN

Pray that you  
would operate  
in the gifts of the Spirit

## DAY TWELVE

Pray for a  
permanent location  
for Near Church

## DAY THIRTEEN

Pray for talents  
& resources to build  
God's house

## DAY FOURTEEN

Pray for  
financial provision  
for Near Church



**WEEK THREE**



**FILL THE CITY**

# JAN 20-26

## DAY FIFTEEN

Pray for the leadership of our city, state, & nation

## DAY SIXTEEN

Pray that every lost soul would find salvation

## DAY SEVENTEEN

Pray for the incarcerated in Bowling Green

## DAY EIGHTEEN

Pray for the homeless population of Bowling Green

## DAY NINETEEN

Pray for greater opportunities to serve our city

## DAY TWENTY

Pray for revival to hit Bowling Green and beyond

## DAY TWENTY ONE

Pray for boldness and passion to reach your community

# Miracle Offering



# WHAT IS MIRACLE OFFERING?

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**Our Miracle Offering is a display of radical generosity.**

**Giving generously shows God that we value expanding His Kingdom over our own financial success. Traditionally, the first fruits of a harvest were set aside as a sacrifice to the Lord as a sign of gratitude. Giving the first of the crop was intended to send a message to God: you deserve the best of our offerings, not the leftovers.**

**As we wrap up Sacred Season, prayerfully consider what kind of generous gift the Holy Spirit is drawing you to give. Give with joy and gratitude in your heart, knowing that God promises it will be returned to you in greater measure. Finally, allow this spirit of generosity to carry on throughout the rest of the year. You can't out-give God!**